



Carson Street School

# CSS News

December, 2015

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## Graduation Concert 2015



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## From the Principal's desk ....

I trust this edition of the Carson Street newsletter finds you and your family well and looking forward to the festive season. I also hope you have enjoyed reading about many of the exciting learning opportunities which have taken place over the 2015 school year. A special thanks to our dedicated staff for their hard work as we prepare for an Independent Public School review in term one next year. The review will be an opportunity for all members of the school community to comment on our past and future direction. Across the school our students have worked incredibly hard also, inspired by innovative and challenging programs planned by teachers but delivered by all our staff in their class teams. The support given by Education Assistants and their contribution to student learning is one of the keys to student progress and achievement.

The school is currently going through the stages of having the roof of all our buildings replaced. This may cause some disruption to our programs and limit access to certain areas for a period of time, but Registrar Corina Botica has planned so that this will occur as smoothly and safely for students, staff and families as is possible.

### Graduation Assembly Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners for 2015

**Achievement:** Clair Wells-Wright and Charlotte Fitzpatrick – this was a particularly hard one to decide.

**Progress:** Matthew Hicks.

**Citizenship:** Gangmin Lim.

**Science:** Violet Stephenson and Jack Ebbsworth.

**Communication:** Lola Fletcher and Ryan Neervoort.

**Swimming:** Robbie Cole.

**Music:** Dawn Kunum

**Overcoming Adversity:** Majaheeda Syeban

**Therapy Focus Award:** Faris Naidoo

**CECWA 'I Can' Award:** Dawn Kunum

Best wishes to our graduates. Planned transitions have all gone well and all students have now visited their new schools and met their new teachers.

### School Governance

On behalf of parents, students and staff I would like to thank both the members of the P&C and School Board.



*The Board helps Deputy Ros Hamling celebrate her milestone birthday*

We are so lucky to have such committed people and thank them sincerely for their interest and support for our special needs students.

### Staffing News

We say goodbye to Teacher Alicia Bani who is moving to Malibu School and wish her every success in the future.

### Transport To and From School

Please note if you are changing your address over the holidays or your child is moving to another school next year, you will need to make a new application to School Bus Services.

### Community Support

Empire Real Estate, a local agent who sponsored many of the prizes at our quiz night this year, supported the school in the local Street Fair a couple of weeks ago. They ran a Dunk Tank and managed to get none other than Ben Wyatt, MLA and member of our Board just a little wet. Funds raised were in excess of \$700.

### Christmas Greetings

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you throughout the New Year and welcoming all our students back in February.

Best wishes

*John Exeter*

*Principal*



*Local Member, Ben Wyatt prepares for a dunking*

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## P&C News . . .

Well the Disco was another great success!

It was lovely to see so many kids having a good time and to see some new faces. Many thanks to DJ Dan and his crew for the music. We had quite a few "Best Dancer" winners, For the first time we had supper provided for everyone by Lisa Eades - thank you.

It was also nice to see staff attending and dancing away to the beat, except Mr Exeter, who decided to hide in his office half the night. Next one you'll be dancing. And, of course, huge thanks to Dallas.

Hooray, the new junior playground has been installed and is proving to be very popular. This was funded by the P&C and we wouldn't be able to do this without your support of our fundraisers.

Next year, third Wednesday of the term will be the P&C's AGM. A couple of parents have children graduating so we will be looking for some new faces to help. Not a lot is involved and you can do as much or as little as you like. Most of the activities we are involved in don't take a lot of work but we need the load to be spread around. Morning tea provided.

Liz Green

P&C President



## From Marian, Community Support Officer

**Values Education:** *The Achieving Kind.* Once again this term I have been visiting classes and talking to the children about this Value.

With the help of staff and the alternative methods of communication each child has had a turn to express something that they CAN do. Even though there may be challenges, something that we find hard, we will give it a go! These kids are truly amazing people to work with! With each classroom visit we have also practiced the hand sign for the Value as we say "I'm one of a kind, I'm the achieving kind!"



**Morning Teas and Family Get-Togethers** We have had representatives from Therapy Focus and the Genetics and Rare Disease Network (GaRDN). Both morning teas were well attended and parents/carers once again had opportunity to network and find out more relevant information.

The GaRDN morning tea in particular was very popular. Hopefully next year there will be further opportunity for more parents to attend. Both Therapy Focus and GaRDN representatives will be happy to re-join us next year for our morning teas.

The Family Get-Together which was held on the second Saturday of this term, was also well attended. The children and siblings who came enjoyed the 'treasure hunt' and some enjoyed a craft activity. The liberty

swing was also very popular with the children, and morning tea was catered for by the P&C. We are hoping to make this a regular 'happening' for each term next year.

I would like to thank the P&C and in particular Liz Green for her continued support both with the Information Morning Teas and with the Family Get-togethers. We are looking forward to another year of collaboration with next year's activities. As always, I am usually at the school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and am available for confidential chats. Please call the school or my mobile:

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## Adieu from Room 9

The end of the year approaches, too quickly for my liking! This term we have seen so much activity—with Violet and Nathan trialling their new eye gaze Tobii's with great success. Mikayla finally received her new standing frame and boy, what a difference that is—standing up is now a pleasure!

Isabelle and Madi had two transition days at Kensington Secondary and came back all ready to graduate. Violet is checking out Durham Road School to see if it will be her school of choice for 2016—I think it will!! Muji will be heading over to Castlereagh School so there are big changes in the wind for all of our graduates. Carson Street will surely miss them, and their parents and families who have all been so important to the “school experience”. We all wish them the very best of times as they commence a new stage in their lives - HIGH SCHOOL!!!

Angelica is wondering what all the fuss is about—she still has two years before graduation—something often overlooked in our room as we rush to prepare everyone for the changes ahead.

So as the holidays approach and we madly prepare for the end of year concert, those little hands you see waving from under the avalanche of work, are our effort to stay in touch with you all.

*Rose, Sam, Lucya, Jake & Nette.*



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## My Time

We have had a very productive learning year this 2015!

My time has seen parents and children return and we have had new faces join us.

We moved into our purpose built building (Green Gum) we share with Parent and Child Conductive Education in term 2 and love the new facilities!

Parents, Ruth and I have supported each other through good times and bad and have seen the children progress in leaps and bounds through our early intervention program.

We have visited AQWA, the Perth Zoo, SciTech and yet to visit Lollipop's play centre next week to see the end of another successful year of My Time.

This week we were visited by Belmont Bunnings and Santa to present My Time children with Bunnings Bears and to have a whole group morning tea. It was a great last session with all parents catching up and children participating in Christmas activities.



## Conductive Education

We've had another busy year in Conductive Education!

We've had lots of staff coming and going, new babies arriving and our longest serving, well-loved Education Assistant, Maureen Page, retired. Whilst we will all miss the wonderful input that Maureen has given to staff, students and families over the years, we've not lost her completely as she's been coming back at times as relief!



- Our Parent & Child numbers started at 8 in February but are now standing at 20. They moved into our new dedicated Early Years building, Greengum, in term two.
- Eight of the nine children going into Kindy next year are joining us here at Carson Street School. Good luck to all of the Kindy kids and keep up the hard work! To your parents; the children are ready and you CAN do this!
- Some of the Parent & Child families took part in a special project which lead to the production of a DVD which offers support and information to other families about disability. 'Windows to our World' can be viewed on the school website.
- We sadly lost one of our precious students, Jack White, earlier in the year. Jack and his family have been a part of the CE family for many years.
- Due to building works, Conductor Laura Farkas getting married and family commitments, there unfortunately won't be a CE holiday programme this year.
- We were nominated for an Early Childhood Intervention Australia Excellence Award in September this year. We were the only school provision to be nominated!

I would like to acknowledge all of our wonderful, hard-working Teacher/Conductors, ACE Teachers, Education Assistants and our CE Admin officer, Dallas, who have all helped the children to gain skills and make progress in so many ways, thank you!

Finally I'd like to thank CECWA, for their ongoing support for our CE programmes. Keep the 28th May 2016 free for the big CECWA Dinner for Dreams Ball.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

*Shona Ballantyne, CE Coordinator*



## Bluegum Class



Bluegum has had a wonderful year with most of our students successfully achieving their goals.

This term students have learned about countries and different traditions and food around the world. We have learned about Australia, Japan, Iran, India, Morocco and Hungary.

We are wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

*From the Bluegum team: Laura, Ali, Kaoru, Ruth, Jo and Amey*



Evie



Faris



Reuben



Mahoor



Aralie



Lukie



Orlena



LeFaye



Lola

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## End of Year Disco

It was my great pleasure to orchestrate our End of Year Disco last Friday night at Carson Street School once again where heaps of fun was had by all. Our ever popular Limbo contest was won by Lachlan B and Riley P took out one of the dancing Competitions with his smooth moves.

Santa also made a special visit where he was interrogated and then cross examined by some of the students with questions like 'Where are the reindeers'? 'How did you get here'? 'How will you get back'? and the best line...'Hey, don't you pick me up in the morning'?

It was great to see staff and parents joining in the fun, and I'm sure it brought distant memories flooding back of our own school discos where we were weighted down with 78 butterfly clips in our hair and your nostrils eventually came immune to the fact that everyone there had emptied 2 cans of lynx or impulse all over themselves.

The boys, smothering their hair in half a tub of hair gel symbolised just how on point their style was and everyone else's hair glistened like a slug had vomited all over it. If you were a girl you would douse yourself in glitter. Because of course nothing symbolised how cool you were like covering the seats of your parents' Ford Focus in glitter en route to the disco.

A special thanks has to go out to DJ Dan who kept everyone bopping with his infectious tunes and Liz Green for all of the behind the scene organisations and Lisa Eades for organising food platters from around the area.

Dallas Bird



## Better Start Early Days Webinars

The First Step Alliance is pleased to announce a new WEBINAR program for parents who have a child with a disability. These webinars complement the national program of workshops for parents who are in the early days of the journey with their child and who are still finding their way in the disability system. There are four, free, one-hour webinars and parents can choose the ones that suit them:

- Funding and Finding Your Way – focusing on Better Start and NDIS funding
- Early Childhood Intervention
- Parent and Carer Wellbeing
- Future Planning

For more information visit [www.betterstartearlydays.net.au](http://www.betterstartearlydays.net.au) or call 1800 771 663. This program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. It is run by the First Step Alliance: Cerebral Palsy Australia, Deaf Children Australia, Down Syndrome Australia, Fragile X Association of Australia and Vision Australia.



## Belmay Class

This year the Satellite Class started a Reading Program with some wonderful volunteers from the Warminda Aged Care. This program continued to grow where the children's communication skills were extended when they played board games and shared their knowledge with the use of their ipads. They also did art and craft activities together and planned special occasions to meet at Carson Street School and Tomato Lake. It has been wonderful to watch the friendships grow between our students and our 'Grannies and Grandpops'. The most common comment made by our volunteers are *"As long as we are making a difference!"* and *"I just want to inspire others to draw and paint."* Without a doubt our children have learnt the most important value of RESPECT.



On November 7, The Satellite Class put in an entry into the Acknowledge Exhibition to celebrate the launch of Seniors Week. This event was organised by Connect Victoria Park, which gave us the opportunity to share with the community the great work being done by our volunteers from The Warminda Aged Care Facility. Ron, Dave and Joan attended the Exhibition and we were all rapt when we won the Organisation Award! The prize was a game for our students and \$200! We are planning a big celebration at the end of the term with our favourite people, to say THANKS for a wonderful year and we look forward to 2016!

## Happy Birthday to You!

Alex N	Yellowgum	9 Dec
Mikayla	Room 9	9 Dec
Mahoor	Bluegum	12 Dec
Jemma	Room 7	15 Dec
Riley	Banksia	19 Dec
Lauren	Redgum	22 Dec
Arion	Redgum	22 Dec
Tristan	Room 7	1 Jan

Hayley	Belmay	6 Jan
Evie	Bluegum	12 Jan
Isobel P	Burbridge	12 Jan
Souster	Belmay	18 Jan
Lachlan	Room 7	27 Jan
Grace	Yellowgum	27 Jan



## What's on . . . what's coming up . . .

Thursday 17th December	Last day, Term 4, 2015
Monday 1st February	First day, Term1, 2016

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